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Nearly every vessel from the West Indies and the tropical Gulf ports comes infected with yellow fever, and the disease is spread up the officials at our ports by the national board of health.

It is not until the beginning of an epidemic in this country this year, and we will not have one of the authorities are vigilant and watchful for another month.

The action of the New York legislature, or rather its want of action, has postponed the filling of the vacancies created by the resignations of Miller and Lapham, to November next. If Congress should in the meanwhile be convened, this would leave the control of the house in as much uncertainty as that of the senate. The two bodies were never more evenly divided than they are today.

The blessed promise of Saturday night still holds good in the president's case—there is a ray of hope. The ball, however, remains in an irritating position, and the entire system is filled with a poison of a modified form from the terrible wound. It is now nearly two months since the shooting occurred, and in all that time the patient sufferer has swallowed solid food but once. He is unable to raise the dark valley, and it will be many days before the new hope comes anything like an assurance of recovery.

The statements of the foreign trade of the country for the month of August are of course incomplete; but enough is known to justify the declaration that the exports will exceed the imports nearly eleven million dollars. The exports are declining slowly, and the imports follow suit. It is believed this condition of trade will be continued—in fact, the probabilities are that the imports will decline faster than the exports. Gold is coming in at a lively rate, and no one in England foresees a turn of the tide.

The drought, now happily broken in Georgia, has been very severe in nearly every section of the country—severe and more general, it is said, than any drought since the memorable one in 1876. Tobacco, corn and cotton have been damaged by it, and in some sections there is despair over the outlook of the two first named crops. Cotton can stand a great deal of heat and drought, and so can corn and tobacco, but all three have had altogether too much of a good thing. Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia have felt the drought a little worse perhaps than any other three states. The tobacco growers of Virginia are exceedingly depressed.

General Alexander and the Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

We print this morning, through courtesy, a letter from General Alexander on the subject of the Cule charter.

It is hardly necessary to make formal reply to the points urged by General Alexander against certain parts of the charter. The letter but rehearses all matters that have already been fully answered. There is the same unshaken fear of danger from allowing two roads to use the same track at least two tracks now entering the city have been for years under double occupancy without the slightest inconvenience, and the same vague doubts as to the safety of Colonel Cole's company when over \$50,000 of cash has actually been paid in by its subscribers, and it has solicited the legislature for permission to pay \$1,000,000 to the state before payment is due.

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